

Diocese of Lansing. These are just a few examples of Sister Monica's unwavering devotion to her community and the entire State of Michigan.

I want to join with Sister Monica's friends and family in congratulating her on this very special occasion. She is a remarkable woman whom the state of Michigan is fortunate to benefit from. •

TRIBUTE TO FRANKIE WELCH

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I wish to bring to the Senate's attention a milestone that has particular relevance to this body. Mrs. Frankie Welch, who is nationally recognized for her artistic and original scarf and tie designs, is celebrating 30 years of fashion design this month. Frankie was born in Georgia, but I am pleased to say she has strong ties to South Carolina, where she graduated with a degree from Furman University in Greenville. It was at Furman that she met her late husband, William Welch. One of their daughters chose to continue the family tradition and also received a Furman diploma.

Frankie Welch has designed many memorable scarves and ties. In the 1980s, she designed a patriotic scarf for the United States Senate. She has designed ties for Presidents Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, and Bill Clinton. Mrs. Welch also designed a gown for First Lady Betty Ford, which Mrs. Ford donated to the Smithsonian Institution's First Ladies Collection in 1976. Frankie and Mrs. Ford remained good friends; last month, on the occasion of Betty Ford's 80th birthday, Frankie was one of the speakers at the Ford Museum in Grand Rapids.

Frankie Welch is no ordinary fashion designer. She often employs her talents to produce patriotic garments, and her designs demonstrate an exemplary love of our country. She has produced original and widely admired fabric designs for such revered institutions as the St. Paul's Cathedral in London, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the White House, and the U.S. Capitol. Frankie is also a philanthropist: she recently began the Frankie Welch Scholarship for outstanding students of fashion design.

Mr. President, I think it appropriate to honor a woman who has so often turned her talents to patriotic themes and who has attained national and international accolades. It is with great pride that I thank Frankie Welch for honoring our country and congratulate her on thirty years of success. •

THANKING GENERAL EUGENE E. HABIGER FOR CAREER SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

• Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, I rise to say thank you to a patriot and one of this nation's finest military leaders, General Eugene E. Habiger,

who is retiring at the end of June, 1998. Since 1996, General Habiger has served as the Commander in Chief of United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.

General Habiger's career in the military began in 1959 when he enlisted as an infantryman in the U.S. Army. After his tour in Fort Benning, Georgia, he attended the University of Georgia earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1963. After college, Gene joined the Air Force and upon completion of Officer Training School in September 1963, he was selected as a distinguished graduate.

Soon after leaving Officer Training School, as a young Captain and B-52 Aircraft Commander, Gene flew 150 combat missions and participated in the B-52 Arc Light operations during the Vietnam War. In the early 1980s, he commanded the 325th Bombardment Squadron and later served as assistant deputy commander for operations, 92nd Bombardment Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington.

In the late 1980s, Gene commanded the 379th Bombardment Wing at Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Michigan, and the 2nd Bombardment Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. In the 1990s, Gene's command experience served him well as vice commander, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; and as Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

The apex of General Habiger's career came with his current assignment as Commander in Chief, United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. The command has responsibility for all U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy strategic nuclear forces. These powerful forces act as this Nation's strategic deterrent.

During his command at USSTRATCOM, General Habiger made major contributions to the national security of the United States by establishing the parameters for future strategic forces and possible arms control agreements. His leading role in managing a stable drawdown of nuclear forces helped foster mutual understanding and cooperation with Russia. In addition, his cooperative efforts with the Department of Energy shaped the process by which the United States will maintain the long term safety and reliability of its nuclear weapons stockpile. As the Department of Energy's customer, General Habiger insured the Stockpile Stewardship Program is programmed and funded to develop the new tools, technologies, and concepts to ensure our strategic forces remain safe, effective, ready, and responsive to changing needs.

In addition, Gene was a premier player in shaping our strategic force structure. His team completed a very detailed analysis of United States' Strategic Force Structure options reaching far beyond START II. This unprece-

ented target-by-target scrub of the Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP) helped shape the conceptual and practical character of post-Cold War US nuclear weapons policy that will be instrumental in decisions for years to come.

Convinced that the Nation's security is best served by a stable strategic relationship with Russia, General Habiger was a forceful spokesman for the START II Treaty and Defense Department Cooperative Threat Reduction activities. Twice, he accompanied the Secretary of Defense to Moscow to meet with the Russian Defense Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Strategic Rocket Forces stressing the political, economic, and military importance of ratifying START II for both the United States and Russia. Gene's work on a post-START II nuclear arms control agenda was reflected in national policy, and helped form the basis for portions of the START III framework announced at the Presidential Summit in Helsinki, in March 1997.

Undoubtedly, General Habiger has been the unparalleled leader in expanding military-to-military contacts with Russian counterparts, particularly the Strategic Rocket Forces. These actions established a more stable relationship with Russian leadership. As evidence of the high regard and confidence in which General Habiger is viewed in Russia, he was the first non-Russian to enter a Russian nuclear weapons storage area. His ceaseless efforts in establishing good relations with Russia have significantly improved communication and understanding. For the first time in history, as Commander in Chief of the US nuclear arsenal, he can pick up the phone and talk directly to senior Russian military leadership.

General Habiger and his wife, Barbara, have two sons, Karl and Kurt. I am sure Gene and Barbara have ambitious plans for their life after military service and I hope they make the most of this time. From a private in the U.S. Army to a four star general in the U.S. Air Force, General Habiger has served our military and the Nation with great honor and distinction. I have the pleasure of calling Gene Habiger a friend and I want to thank him for his contribution to our nation's security. •

DOVER HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AND NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PRESS WOMEN AWARD WINNER—PATTY RICHARDSON HINCHEY

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, as we focus on improving our education system on the national state and local levels, it is my pleasure to offer congratulations to an award-winning teacher from Dover, Delaware who exemplifies excellence in education for her students, her community, my home state of Delaware, and indeed, this nation.

For the second consecutive year, Patty Richardson Hinchey received the second place award in the category of

Achievement/Research—Faculty Adviser of Student Publications for Secondary Schools. This award is given by the prestigious National Federation of Press Women. The award recognizes the outstanding high school journalism advisers/teachers.

Patty also won first place in the State of Delaware competition for the past two years in the same category from the Delaware Press Women, which made her eligible for the national award.

What my colleagues might find most interesting and ironic—the name of the student newspaper at Dover High School for which Patty is the faculty adviser is “The Senator.” The 24-page award-winning issue captivated the pulse of student activities, highlighted the history of soon-to-be graduates, spotlighted student leadership during their four years at Dover High School, congratulated Athletes of the Year, and featured articles about teachers who make a difference.

Patty's work on the student newspaper goes well beyond the final afternoon school bell. She and her students calculated spending more than 6,000 hours in the last four years putting editions of “The Senator” to bed. Even more remarkable, due to a school-related accident leaving Patty unable to walk, she worked from her home with the students to get the final issue to press on time.

I have spoken often about the need in this day and age to give young people an “excuse” to stay on the road to achievement, stay in school, stay away from alcohol, drugs and gangs, and stay off the streets. Student newspapers, like Dover High School's, and teachers like Patty Hinchey, are providing these students with that valuable “excuse.” This is positive peer pressure, and our country needs more of it. The students know they have to keep their grades up, get their work done on strict deadlines, and keep out of trouble or else they will not experience the thrill and pride of seeing their byline on an article they researched and wrote.

So, I want to thank Patty for providing these award-winning students the opportunity to be their very best and strive for excellence in their work. The lessons and values they have learned working on the school newspaper will serve them well throughout their lives—the lessons of deadlines, responsibility, accountability, how to communicate verbally and in writing, and most importantly how to get along with and respect other people.

I could go on about how impressed I am with Patty, but listen to what her students say about her. The Editor-in-Chief of “The Senator” said: “Mrs. Hinchey is an inspirational, talented, creative, hard-working, and most importantly, loving teacher. I am currently a senior and have been in her class since my freshman year. Over this time, I have been able to observe how many students she has become

close to and how many people both trust and respect her.”

Another student, Kate Basone, Advertising Editor, said: “Mrs. Hinchey inspired the students to produce work that reflected their best effort. She would not accept articles that she felt were not up to the standards of “The Senator” which she established. Therefore, because of her constant pushing and sometime pulling, many students found themselves producing some of their best work.”

Patty is not only a talented teacher, she is a terrific mother to her daughter Andrea, who is student at the University of Delaware, and a career military wife to the now retired Lieutenant Colonel John Hinchey.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Patty Richardson Hinchey for her outstanding accomplishments as an award-winning teacher and faculty adviser for the Dover High School newspaper “The Senator.”

COMMEMORATION OF HARLEY-DAVIDSON'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I am proud to have this opportunity to recognize a company that truly reflects the spirit, goals and achievements of a true “American success story” as hailed by President Ronald Reagan in 1987. Today, Harley-Davidson Motor Company is an even more outstanding example of American ingenuity and performance. They have seen record earnings 31 of the last 32 quarters—a prime example of their strength as a business. They have seen 32 consecutive quarters of record sales—clearly demonstrating the loyalty of their consumer base.

Harley-Davidson produces its entire line of the very popular Sportster motorcycle in Kansas City, Missouri. They opened the doors of this facility months ahead of schedule, and are already employing hundreds of Missourians. This is evidence of the positive path of growth and expansion of Harley-Davidson. The U.S. market share for Harley continues to grow; today it is 56 percent. Harley also has a great future in the international marketplace and the company is seeing increasing demand for its products in Europe, Japan, Australia, and other countries.

Harley has long been a leader in design and safety standards. As early as 1921, Harley-Davidson bikes incorporated advancements that are still in use today. Twenty years later, during World War II, Harley devoted its entire output of motorcycles to the war effort earned the coveted Army-Navy “E” award for excellence in wartime production.

In many ways, Harley-Davidson has freed generations of American rider to enjoy this country by motorcycle. As Harley-Davidson approaches its hallmark 95th anniversary as a producer of quality American goods, I want to be among the first of the long list of well

wishers to say, “Happy Anniversary, Harley! You're still ‘king of the road!’”

NAMING OF YEOMAN FIRST CLASS STEPHEN R. DYKEMA AS THE 1997 ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR THE U.S. COAST GUARD

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a fellow South Carolinian for outstanding service and dedication to this Nation. I take great pleasure in congratulating Yeoman First Class Stephen R. Dykema for his selection as the 1997 Enlisted Person of the Year for the U.S. Coast Guard.

Each day more than 25,000 enlisted men and women put their lives and safety on the line to carry out the Coast Guard's diverse missions. The Coast Guard plays a critical role as an armed service in defending our Nation and maintaining national security. In addition, the Coast Guard annually conducts thousands of fisheries enforcement boardings; prevents tons of cocaine and marijuana from reaching the streets; gives safety instruction to more than one-half million recreational boaters; and saves about 5,000 lives. The American public has learned to depend on the Coast Guard's service, both close to home and in trouble spots around the world.

That service is built on a tradition of dedication by Coast Guard enlisted personnel. Yeoman First Class Stephen R. Dykema is an individual who epitomizes that tradition. Petty Officer Dykema was selected as the 1997 Enlisted Person of the Year because of his exemplary military bearing, leadership ability and work performance. He currently is assigned to the Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey. However, he has spent much of his time assigned to the cutter *Madrona*, a buoy tender stationed in my hometown of Charleston.

Throughout his nine-year Coast Guard career, Petty Officer Dykema has received numerous medals and commendations. But I'd like to highlight just one incident that really shows why he has earned the honor of being named as Enlisted Person of 1997. During one of the *Madrona*'s longer deployments that year, a box of mail was lost. Among the box's content were bills, family letters, care packages, and Father's Day cards—all those routine types of correspondence upon which a sailor's morale depends. Petty Officer Dykema swung into action, launching a personal search for the missing box of mail. His documentation of the box's history was so thorough that the day after it was released, the unit that had received the mail called to make arrangements for getting the box to Charleston.

Petty Officer Dykema also is one of those rare individuals who finds time to contribute to his shipmates and community. I'm told that he has used his personal time to help fellow crewmembers repay overpayments and